

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will **replace** all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The footwear item as claimed in ~~claim 1~~
claim 20, wherein the ~~dynamic support element~~ dynamically responsive integral insert ~~further comprises~~ comprising a spring plate and is positioned in the sole such as to lie at least partially beneath a zone corresponding to ~~the~~ an arch of the foot, and at least a part of the front part of the foot.
3. (Currently Amended) The footwear item as claimed in claim 2, wherein the resilient weight supporting elements ~~deformable components~~ are joined on the spring plate.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The footwear item as claimed in ~~claim 4~~
claim 3, wherein the spring plate comprises at least four arms, defining an X shape, each of the arms bearing on a pad constituting an elastically deformable component.
6. (Withdrawn) The footwear item as claimed in claim 5, wherein each pad is an attached compressible piece.
7. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The footwear item as claimed in claim 5, wherein the spring plate has a central part extending transversely with respect to a longitudinal axis of the sole component, the arms extending obliquely toward the pads from said central part.
8. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The footwear item as claimed in claim 7, wherein the central part has a transverse groove, located in said sole component ~~in the~~ a zone corresponding to ~~a~~ the position of the metatarsus part of the foot, ~~thus~~ allowing elastic deformation of the spring plate along an axis substantially normal to the longitudinal axis.

9. (Withdrawn) The footwear item as claimed in claim 5, wherein the spring plate has thicker parts, at least locally.

10. (Withdrawn) The footwear item as claimed in claim 9, wherein the thicker parts are made of an elastic material and are locally thinned.

11. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The footwear item as claimed in claim 5, wherein the ~~dynamic element~~ dynamically responsive integral insert is a spring plate with shape memory.

12. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The footwear item as claimed in claim 5, wherein the spring plate is fastened ~~for example~~ by adhesive bonding to the inner face of ~~the~~ an outer layer of the sole component.

13. (Withdrawn) The footwear item as claimed in claim 5, wherein the spring plate comprises at least one V-shaped piece.

14. (Withdrawn) The footwear item as claimed in claim 5, wherein the spring plate comprises at least two V-shaped pieces assembled in opposition.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The footwear item as claimed in ~~claim 15~~ claim 21, wherein the ~~deformable components or parts~~ resilient weight supporting elements are independent of one another.

17. (Currently Amended) The footwear item as claimed in ~~claim 15~~ claim 21, wherein the ~~deformable components or parts~~ resilient weight supporting elements are mechanically integral.

18. (Currently Amended) The footwear item as claimed in ~~claim 15~~ claim 21, wherein ~~a~~ the structure of the sole component is a multi-component structure.

19. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The footwear item as claimed in ~~claim 15~~ claim 21, wherein ~~the~~ a structure of the sole component is a one-piece structure.

20. (New) A footwear item comprising:

a sole component extending in a longitudinal direction from a front end of the footwear item to a rear end of the footwear item, wherein an outer face of the sole component is designed to come into contact with the ground and wherein an inner face of the sole component is designed to support a foot of a wearer directly, the sole component comprising a dynamically responsive integral insert in a front part of the sole component, extending in a transverse direction across a longitudinal direction and extending between the outer face and the inner face of the sole component in a plane perpendicular to the sole component, the dynamically responsive integral insert comprising two resilient weight supporting elements respectively disposed on two sides of the longitudinal direction, the resilient weight supporting elements antagonistically acting around the longitudinal direction, each resilient weight supporting element being pivotally arranged around the longitudinal direction to be angularly elastically charged around the longitudinal direction against any local and lateral dynamic loading of a metatarsus part of the foot on either side of the longitudinal direction, caused by a transverse transfer of weight of the wearer from one side to an other side of the footwear item.

21. (New) A footwear item comprising:

a sole component extending in a longitudinal direction from a front end of the footwear item to a rear end of the footwear item, wherein an outer face of the sole component is designed to come into contact with the ground and wherein an inner face of the sole component is designed to support a foot of a wearer directly, the sole component comprising a dynamically responsive integral insert in a front part of the sole component;

wherein the dynamically responsive integral insert is designed for a lateral movement of the foot in any direction transverse to the longitudinal direction, and extending in a transverse direction across the longitudinal direction and extending between the outer face

and the inner face of the sole component in a plane perpendicular to a plane of the sole component, and wherein the dynamically responsive integral insert comprises:

at least two resilient weight supporting elements located in a front part of the dynamically responsive integral insert and on opposite sides of an axis extending in the longitudinal direction, and aligned in a transverse direction, each resilient weight supporting element being elastically deformable in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the sole component, and wherein the resilient weight supporting elements antagonistically act around the longitudinal direction, and each resilient weight supporting element being pivotally arranged around the longitudinal direction to be angularly elastically charged around the longitudinal direction against any local and lateral dynamic loading of a metatarsus part of the foot on either side of the longitudinal direction, caused by a transverse transfer of weight of the wearer from one side to an other side of the footwear item.